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Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD  
FOR PERFORMING  
EDGE DETECTION IN  
AN IMAGE

§ Examiner: Mariam, Daniel G.  
§ Group/Art Unit: 2621  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2004**

**Mail Stop Amendment**  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action of September 30, 2004, to further highlight why the application is in condition for allowance.

In response to the Restriction, and per the telephone conversation with Jeffrey C. Hood on September 22, 2004, Applicant elects Species I as characterized by the Examiner with traverse.

Please amend the case as listed below.